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2 **In the Claims**

3 Claims 1, 10, 11, 17, 23, 28, 32, 36, 40 and 41 are currently amended.

4 Claims 1-41 remain in the Application and are listed below.

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6 **1.** (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

7 monitoring players in a game; and

8 based on said monitoring, to identify identifying one of a variety of or more  
9 player-exploitable game conditions, wherein at least some of the player-  
10 exploitable game conditions are produced by the game itself and are identified, at  
11 least in part, by observing a player's play of the game.

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13 **2.** (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the monitoring is based on the  
14 rate at which the player is acquiring virtual property.

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16 **3.** (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the monitoring is automatic.

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18 **4.** (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the monitoring checks for  
19 cheaters.

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21 **5.** (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising logging players who  
22 are suspected of cheating.  
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1 6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the player-exploitable game  
2 condition allows one player to exploit the player-exploitable game condition for an  
3 advantage against other players.

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5 7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein a cheater detection portion  
6 performs the monitoring.

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8 8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the cheater detection portion is  
9 included in a server.

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11 9. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising sending a notice to a  
12 cheater that is exploiting the player-exploitable game condition.

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14 10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising  
15 terminating a ~~the~~ cheater's privileges for a prescribed duration.

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17 11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising sending a  
18 notice to ~~other~~ players other than a cheater describing the activities of the cheater.

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20 12. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising setting a threshold  
21 against whom the play of a number of players is compared.

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23 13. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the play of those players  
24 whose play exceeds the threshold is logged.  
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1 14. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the player-exploitable game  
2 condition includes positioning the player at some location other than a ground  
3 plane within a virtual scene.

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5 15. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the player-exploitable game  
6 condition includes rollover of a player's score.

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8 16. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the player-exploitable game  
9 condition includes rollover of a player's expense.

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11 17. (Currently Amended) An apparatus implemented at least in part by a  
12 computing device comprising:

13 a game including a cheater detection portion that identifies one or more  
14 player-exploitable game conditions and detects players who are exploiting at least  
15 one of said player-exploitable game conditions[[.]], wherein at least some of the  
16 player-exploitable game conditions are produced by the game itself and are  
17 identified, at least in part, by observing a player's play of the game.

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19 18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the cheater detection portion  
20 includes a game monitor process.

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22 19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the cheater detection portion  
23 includes an asynchronous activity pump.

1 20. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the cheater detection portion  
2 includes a criteria based logging portion for logging a players activity.

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4 21. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the cheater detection portion  
5 is included as a portion of a network.

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7 22. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the cheater detection portion  
8 is included as a portion of a stand-alone computer system.

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10 23. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:  
11 setting a threshold for [[the]] a game;  
12 monitoring [[the]] play of a plurality of players for [[a]] the game;  
13 determining whether the threshold is exceeded for any of the players of the  
14 game; and  
15 logging the play of the player whose play exceeds the threshold.

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17 24. (Original) The method of claim 23, further comprising determining  
18 whether the player is cheating based on the logging.

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20 25. (Original) The method of claim 23, further changing the threshold when  
21 the game is being played.

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23 26. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein the threshold can be reset.

1 27. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein the determining whether the  
2 threshold is exceeded is based on the rate at which a particular player is acquiring  
3 virtual property.

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5 28. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23, wherein the determining  
6 whether the threshold is exceeded is based on a ~~[[the]]~~ rollover rate.

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8 29. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein the determining whether the  
9 threshold is exceeded is based on dupping.

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11 30. (Original) The method of claim 23, further comprising punishing cheaters.

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13 31. (Original) The method of claim 23, further comprising modifying the game  
14 based on cheaters.

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16 32. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium having computer  
17 executable instructions that, when executed by a processor, causes the processor  
18 to:

19 set a threshold for ~~[[the]]~~ a game;

20 monitor ~~[[the]]~~ play of a plurality of players for ~~[[a]]~~ the game; and

21 determine~~[[ing]]~~ whether the threshold is exceeded for any of the players of  
22 the game.~~[[.]]~~

1 33. (Original) The computer readable medium having computer executable  
2 instructions of claim 32, further comprising determining whether the player is  
3 cheating based on the logging.

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5 34. (Original) The computer readable medium having computer executable  
6 instructions of claim 32, wherein the threshold can be reset.

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8 35. (Original) The computer readable medium having computer executable  
9 instructions of claim 32, wherein the determining whether the threshold is  
10 exceeded is based on the rate at which a particular player is acquiring virtual  
11 property.

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13 36. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium having computer  
14 executable instructions of claim 32, wherein the determining whether the threshold  
15 is exceeded is based on a [[the]] rollover rate.

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17 37. (Original) The computer readable medium having computer executable  
18 instructions of claim 32, wherein the determining whether the threshold is  
19 exceeded is based on dupping.

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21 38. (Original) The computer readable medium having computer executable  
22 instructions of claim 32, further comprising punishing cheaters.

1 39. (Original) The computer readable medium having computer executable  
2 instructions of claim 32, further comprising modifying the game based on  
3 cheaters.

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5 40. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method of claim 1, further comprising:  
6 sending an indication to a player monitor ~~every time~~ if an item is accrued so  
7 that a determination can be made as to whether a player-exploitable game  
8 condition is being exploited.

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10 41. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium having computer  
11 executable instructions that, when executed by a processor, causes the processor to  
12 implement the method of claim 40.[:]

13 ~~send an indication to a player monitor every time an item is accrued so that~~  
14 ~~a determination can be made as to whether items of virtual property are being~~  
15 ~~accrued too quickly.~~